

Executive Committee



Jared Vega, Planning Council Chair

Thursday, November 5, 2010
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
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Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members *AT: Attended AB: Absent EX: Excused ALT: Alternate Present*

AT	Jared Vega	AT	Jonathan Harris	EX	Juan Carlos Perez	AT	Keith Thompson
EX	Mary Rose Wilcox <i>alt: Mark Kezios</i>	AT	MiAsia Pasha	AT	Randall Furrow	AT	Ron Hill

Administrative Agent Staff

Rose Conner

Guests

Support Staff: John Sapero

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Jared Vega called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Funding is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. All of the documents distributed during this meeting may be requested from Planning Council Support.

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Determination of quorum

Jared Vega determined that quorum was established with five of eight members present at 5:05 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from the prior committee meeting

The committee silently reviewed the summary minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting. Three typographical errors were identified and corrected.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner provided a utilization report (see attached) and discussed:

- The RFP for Central Eligibility providers is open until December 2. Several questions have been received and the answers have been posted on the County procurement website
- The jail case management/outreach program begins Monday, November 9th
- The AA's office is analyzing ways to utilize MAI funding and will present recommendations for special projects later in the grant year
- The EMA's Early Intervention Strategies are being implemented. The Part A Program met with MIHS to begin the implementation of linkage coordinator for the Emergency Room HIV testing pilot funded by the CDC
- The Part A Program and Planning Council Support Staff recently met with the County correctional health director receptive to discuss opt-out HIV testing. He is receptive to implementing a project and discussion is continuing. The AA's office is conducting research to determine if Part A can fund the initiative
- The newly formed Part A Quality Management Committee will have its first meeting on November 19th

Rose attended the Ryan White Part B formulary committee meeting. Discussion points:

- For the third month in a row, ADAP enrollment has decreased
- ADAP anticipates ending the grant year on budget, with no implementation of a wait list
- Since June, ADAP has realized an 18% decline in enrollment
- Part B has been approved by HRSA to create ADAP Assist – a program to provide medical and pharmaceutical coverage for eligible clients. Anticipated savings of up to \$5 million a year are expected.
- Changes in service to low-income subsidy clients will also occur
- ADAP will transition eligible clients to the state's high risk insurance pool beginning in January. ADAP is researching which/how many clients will be eligible. ADAP is working with

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community providers to ease clients into transitioning to the insurance program. Clients will be involved in the transition planning

- Based on input from ADAP staff that clients are unaware of services offered in the EMA, the Part A program has developed a promotional flyer to inform new clients about the availability of services

Rose Conner provided an overview of issues related to clients transitioning to the high risk insurance pool (copays, deductibles, the number of clients on the insurance plan, etc.).

Additionally, AHCCCS has implemented a copay structure for certain clients. Copays are \$4 to \$10 each.

Keith Thompson related that there was a court ordered stay on the implementation of the copays that was lifted. Clients who have severely limited or low incomes are most affected.

Rose Conner related the Part A program may have to review whether it can offer assistance to affected clients. However, since there is no funding allocated to provide assistance, and no policies/procedures to manage service provision, it would take time to respond to the issue.

There was discussion regarding how AHCCCS is informing clients of the changes. A consensus was reached to ask the Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee to hold a special meeting to begin discussion of the issue.

Council Chair Update

No update was provided.

Committee Chair/Vice Chair Appointments

Jared Vega discussed that Randall Furrow, the current Chair of the Membership Committee, has indicated he would like to step down from the position. Jared related he would like to appoint Ron Hill as Chair of the Membership Committee, and sought approval from the Executive Committee to do so.

MOTION: Keith Thompson moved to appoint Ron Hill as Chair of the Membership Committee. MiAsia Pasha seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

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Reallocations

This item was tabled.

Vision Statement

Jared Vega discussed that a draft of the vision statement had been presented to the Planning Council for approval. Planning Council members expressed concern regarding the need for the statement to discuss the needs of Part A-eligible clients specifically, and also address Early Interventions services, access to testing, and engaging people into care.

There was discussion regarding whether the statement needed to be Part A specific, or should address broader community-wide goals. Keith Thompson noted the Council was collaborative with the entire HIV service community, and Council work was not always Part-A specific. After this discussion, the statement:

“To provide all people living with HIV/AIDS in Maricopa and Pinal Counties with access to high quality health care and social services.”

was revised to read:

“All people living with HIV/AIDS in Maricopa and Pinal Counties will have access to high quality health care and social services.”

MOTION: MiAsia Pasha moved to forward the vision statement as revised to the full Council for final approval. Jonathan Harris seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Council Member Training/Retreat Discussion

John Sapero related that this was an agenda item because if any training was going to occur by the end of the grant year, it would need to be finalized before January. John related that past sessions have included full and half-day retreats, specialized trainings, and recognition events. Jared Vega suggested that an HIV medical update might be appropriate to present.

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Discussion points:

- Training should not be mandatory
- New members would benefit from a medical update
- Recognition/education combined, with dinner hosted by a pharmaceutical company?

John Sapero agreed to follow up with pharmaceutical representatives regarding hosting the dinner.

Committee/Work Group reports

Allocations: Jared Vega related the committee did not meet.

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee: No report was provided.

Education & Empowerment: Jonathan Harris discussed the committee reviewed the Spanish-language consumer education event that occurred on September 25, 2010.

Membership: Randall Furrow discussed new and reappointment interviews were being conducted.

Rules: No update was provided. It was suggested the committee might move to a work group rather than a formal committee.

Standards: John Sapero discussed the committee will begin work on the standards of care for Early Intervention Services.

Determination of agenda items for the next Planning Council meeting

Planning Council Agenda Items (in addition to the recurring agenda items

Membership approval

Copay Issue

Vision statement

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Action Items to be completed by the next meeting:

Task	Assigned To

Current events summaries

Randall Furrow discussed that Joshua Tree Feeding Program will be holding several fundraising events. Additionally, services for Larry Stähli have been scheduled.

MiAsia Pasha discussed a fashion show fundraiser.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 pm.